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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the governmental filing fee, please amend the claims, as follows:

~~Sub 0.~~ >1. (Amended). A function carrier insertable from one side into a component, for example into a sheet metal part or into a plastic part, comprising a functional element having shaft and head parts and a rivet sleeve,

not in spec.

characterised in that

the rivet sleeve is movable in the axial direction of the shaft part along the shaft part and in that the functional element has a concave fillet in the transition region between the shaft part and the head part forming a sliding surface for the deformation of the rivet sleeve.

2. (Amended). Function carrier in accordance with claim 1,

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80.00 the rivet sleeve has a tubular deformable region adjacent the head part and a ring-like,

at least substantially non-deformable region remote from the head part.